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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SHEN: FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH UNDER  
SECRETARY

REF: STATE 030229

1. UNDER SECRETARY HABIB FEBRUARY 14 MET WITH AMBASSADOR  
SHEN TO PROVIDE PROMISED REPLY TO ROC REQUESTS FOR CON-  
SULTATIONS AND US REAFFIRMATION OF INTENT TO CONTINUE  
EXISTING DIPLOMATIC AND SECURITY TIES. AT OUTSET,  
HABIB STATED THAT SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE REMAINS US POLICY.  
WE HAVE MADE AND SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS CLEAR IN  
PUBLIC STATEMENTS. HABIB THEN ADDRESSED THE CONSULTATION

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REQUEST, NOTING THAT WE WERE AWARE OF THE NEED FOR  
APPROPRIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ROC ON MATTERS AFFECTING  
OUR RELATIONS. HE FORESAW SUCH DISCUSSIONS AS FOLLOW-  
ING DETERMINATION OF STILL OUTSTANDING DECISIONS ON THE  
PACE AND MODALITIES OF NORMALIZATION. ON THE REAFFIRMA-  
TION REQUEST, HABIB SAID WE WERE CONSCIOUS OF ROC CON-  
CERNS AS EVIDENCED BY THE SECRETARY'S REFERENCES TO

TAIWAN IN HIS RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON  
NORMALIZATION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BEAR ROC CONCERNS  
IN MIND IN OUR CHINA POLICY STATEMENTS.

2. SHEN ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE  
AS THE US RESPONSE TO ROC REQUESTS. HE THEN ASKED  
WHETHER ANY FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE SOLELY  
CONFINED TO US-ROC RELATIONS AS IMPLIED BY OUR REPLY.  
HABIB ADVISED AGAINST A NARROW, INTENSIVE INTERPRETA-  
TION OF HIS REMARKS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WAS OBVIOUSLY  
IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE US-ROC RELATIONS FROM OVERALL  
CHINA POLICY.

3. SHEN ASKED ABOUT THE INTENSITY OF OUR NORMALIZATION  
REVIEW AND WAS TOLD THAT WHILE NORMALIZATION WAS NOT  
CURRENTLY A FRONT BURNER ISSUE SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST,  
CYPRUS, PANAMA AND SALT, WE HOPE TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW  
AT AN EARLY TIME. SHEN REITERATED HIS FEBRUARY 11 REQUEST  
FOR A RUN-DOWN OF THE PRESIDENT'S TALK WITH HUANG CHEN,  
NOTING THAT THE US USED TO BRIEF ROC ON DETAILS OF THE  
WARSAW AND GENEVA MEETINGS. HABIB REJECTED THE REQUEST  
ON GROUNDS OF INAPPROPRIATENESS AND ADDITIONALLY POINTED  
OUT THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES DIFFERED GREATLY FROM  
THOSE OF WARSAW, GENEVA DAYS. HE SAID THAT AS FAR AS  
HE WAS AWARE, THE MEETING WAS GENERAL IN NATURE AND  
SHOULD NOT BE OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE ROC, ALTHOUGH;  
WE WERE AWARE, OF COURSE, THAT THE FACT OF THE MEETING  
ITSELF WAS DISTURBING TO THE ROC.

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4. SHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD  
VISIT THE PRC IN APRIL AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE  
PRC ON FROZEN ASSETS WERE IN THE WORKS. HABIB SAID  
THERE WERE NO CONCRETE PLANS ON EITHER OF THESE SUBJECTS.  
UPON DEPARTURE, SHEN STATED THAT HIS REQUEST TO SEE THE  
SECRETARY STILL STOOD.  
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